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Draft decision submitted by the President of the Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the letter addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council by the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, dated 8 July 1994, on the subject of dates for the 1995 regular session of the Commission, 1/

Bearing in mind the observations made to the Council in this regard by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at the time of the presentation of his report to the Council on 15 July 1994, 2/

Further bearing in mind the remarks to the Council on 22 July 1994 by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights with regard to the convening of the regular sessions of the Commission on Human Rights later in the year, 3/

1. Endorses the general principle that dates should be chosen for the commission on Human Rights which most effectively enable it to discharge its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations;

1/ E/1994/106.

2/ See E/1994/SR.34.

3/ See E/1994/SR.41.

2. Considers that holding the regular sessions of the Commission on Human Rights later in the year should facilitate the work of the Commission, inter alia, through positive consequences for the availability of documentation to the Commission, while recognizing that other factors also have a bearing on the efficient working of the Commission;

3. Considers also that full regard should be given to the need to ensure that the Commission can submit its report to the Council in all languages in sufficient time to allow its proper consideration;

4. Trusts that appropriate later dates would result in a better functioning of the Commission;

5. Decides that the question of appropriate later dates should be considered further at the fifty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights which should submit its recommendations to the Council at its substantive session of 1995.